

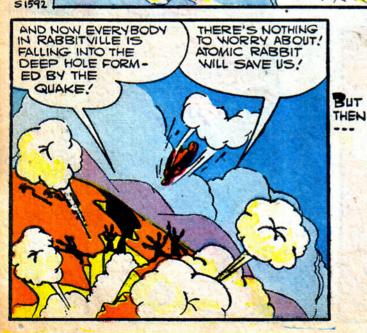
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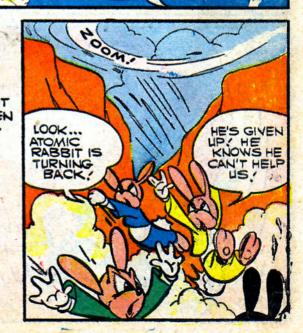
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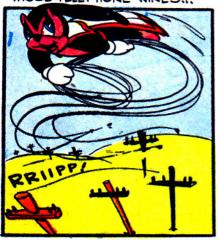
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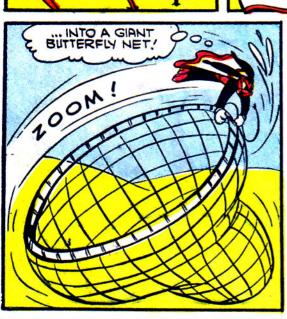


HAS ATOMIC RABBIT GONE MAD WITH GRIEF BECAUSE ALL HIS FRIENDS ARE FALLING TO THEIR DOOM? WHY ELSE WOULD HE BE PULLING UP THOSE TELEPHONE WIRES...

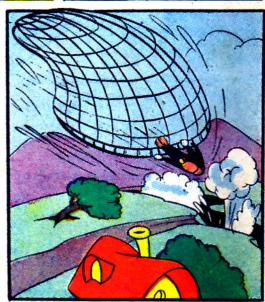


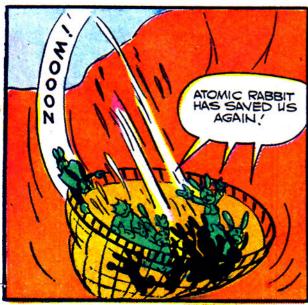






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AND 50 ATOMIC RABBIT GOES... AND THE STORM COMES



LIGHTNING BOLT ZIG-ZAGS DOWN OTA THE DEEP HOLE FORMED BY THE EARTH-QUAKE

IT HITS THE MYSTERIOUS EGG...

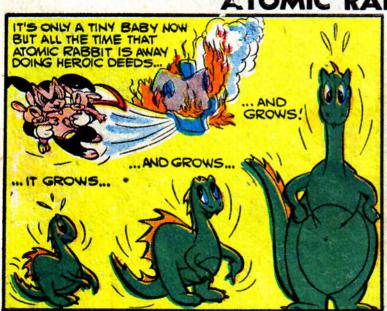


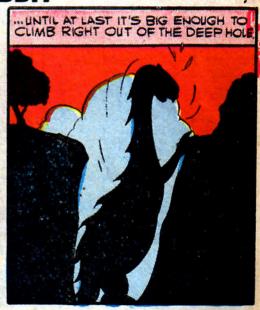
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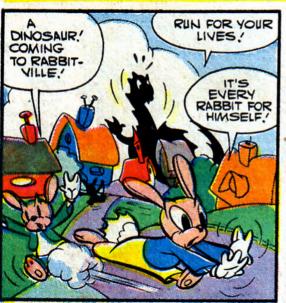


... AND HATCHES! CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IT IS? IT'S A TINY BABY DINOSAUR...











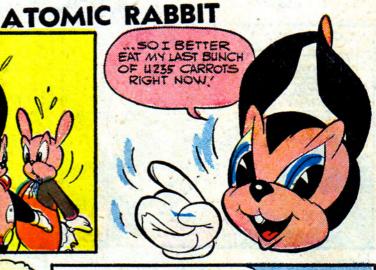






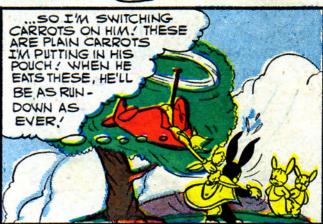
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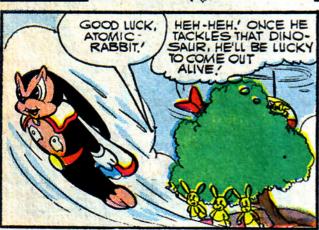




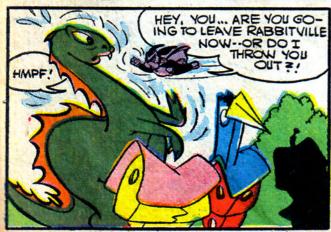
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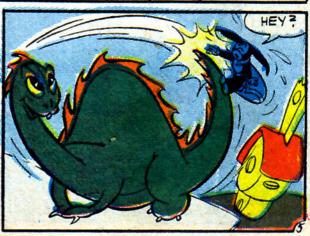








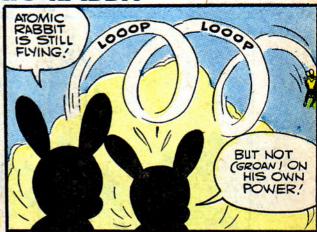




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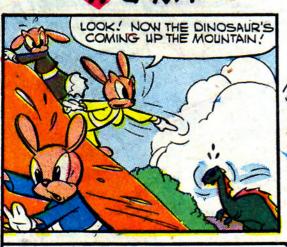
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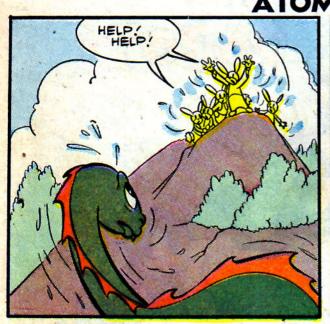


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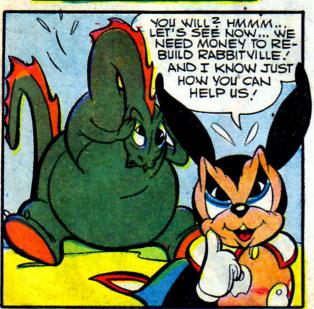




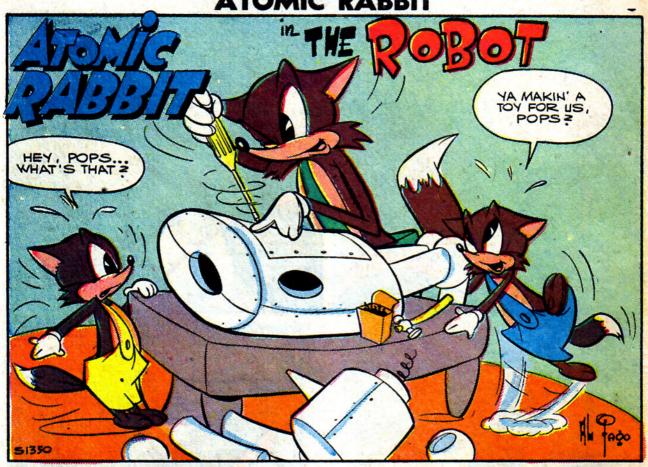


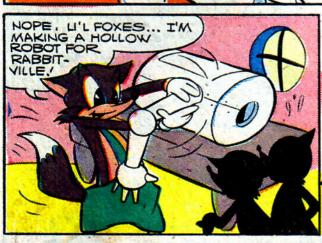




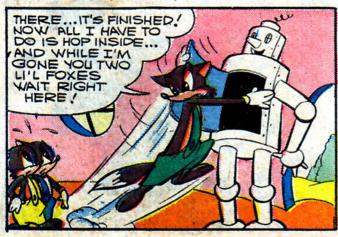




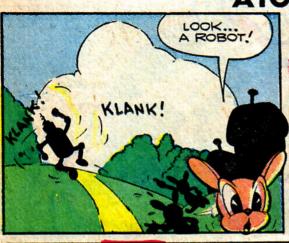


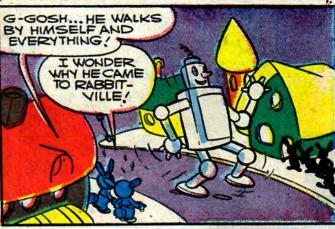








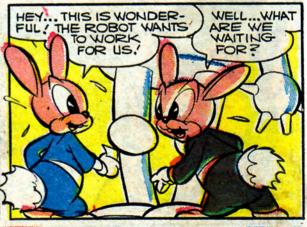










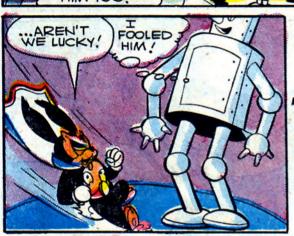


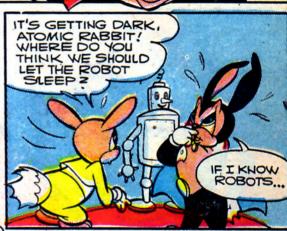


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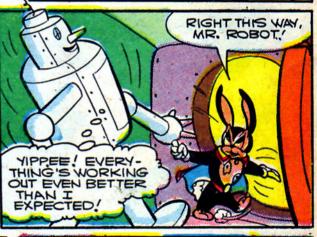


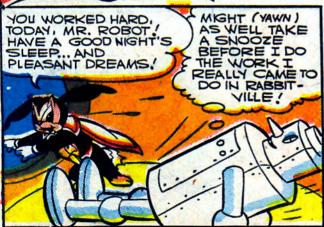


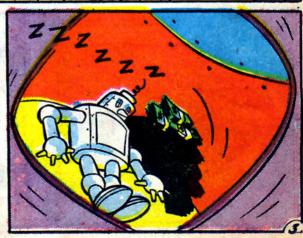












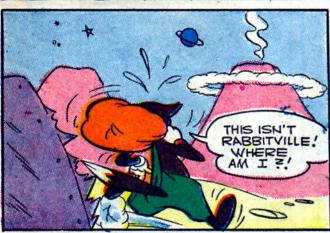
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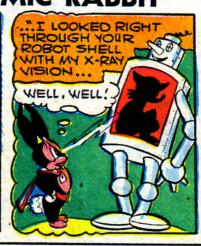
















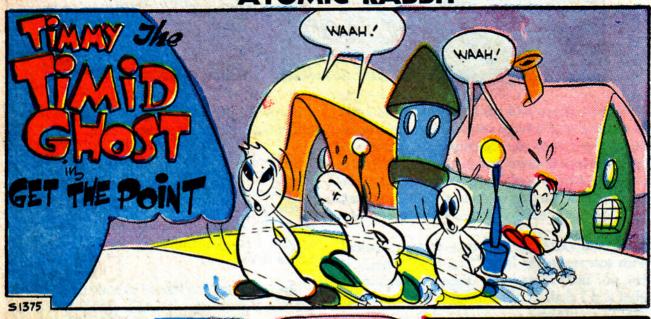








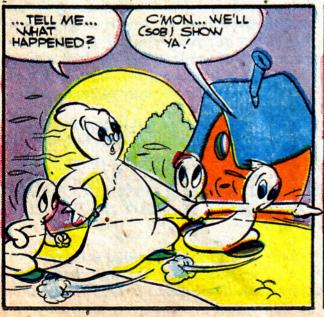


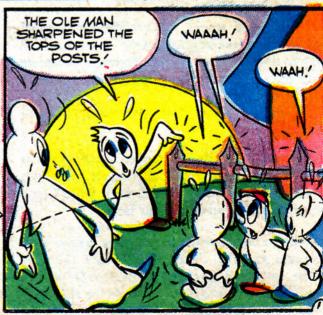












A Fool for Gold!

Manuel Juano and his little donkey snoozed in the shade of a large cactus. Not that it gave much shade from the burning sun, but it was the only respite there was in the desert. As the sun rose higher and higher, Manuel and the donkey kept moving to follow the shade until they had gone half way around the huge cactus.

Manuel faced the unhappy looking animal with sorrow on his face. "Yes, Little One, it is hot, no? But I came to the desert to prospect for gold and I shall find it if it takes the rest of my life! We must keep our courage high, Little One, and then with patience we shall become rich!"

The trouble with Manuel was that he went to the movies too often. That was how he learned all about prospecting and panning gold in rivers and everything else that goes with mining. Or did he?

"Yes, Little One, we'll be rich and famous! You, my little donkey friend, shall have the finest shawls to wear about your neck—and a big straw sombrero to shade your eyes from the sun! In fact you shall have a different hat for every day in the week! And I will have big cars and—"

Manuel's day dreaming came to an abrupt end when suddenly a voice from nowhere cried out, "Whoo-o-o?"

"Who? Me, stupid, that's who! Me, Manuel Juano and his donkey, Little One! We are on our way to find the Lost Spanish Treasure, complete with map and everything! We will be heroes!"

Again the voice echoed across the empty desert: "Who-o-o?"

Manuel and Little One looked at each other in fear. After a long moment, Manuel spoke out with false bravado. "Whaddya mean, who? Come out like a man and show your face!"

Still no one appeared. Little One brayed with fear and snuggled closer to his master. "Do not shake so, small donkey, Manuel will protect you!" Both man and beast searched the area carefully with their eyes and finally Manuel found the

cause of the "voice"—A tiny owl nestled in one of the holes of the giant cactus plant.

"Who-o-!" said the owl. "Whoo-oo!"

Manuel looked at the tiny owl with annoyance and anger. "You've got a nerve fooling me like that! You almost frightened poor Little One to death!! I oughta climb up there and—By gosh, I do believe I will!"

And with that he started to scale the trunk of the huge plant. But it was a mistake. Manuel Juano let out a roar of pain and fell back to the ground. He had forgotten about the long spiny needles of the cactus! Little One eyed his master mournfully as Manuel carefully removed a dozen or more needles from his pants and legs.

"Come, Little One, we have no time to waste on foolish owls! Let us be on our way!"

Manuel loaded the equipment on Little One's back and they set off. The map said it was only forty miles to the Creepy Mountains where he would find the camp of Loco Pete, an old miner. That's what the salesman in California told him when he sold Manuel the miner's outfit, complete with the map which showed exactly where the gold was. For an extra hundred dollars, the salesman had sold Manuel a divining-rod which was guaranteed to show exactly where gold was located. Manuel mused contentedly to himself that it must be a wonderful rod to be worth so much money, even though it did look like an ordinary branch from any ordinary tree. But of course, it wasn't—the salesman had guaranteed it!

Soon the foothills of the Creepy Mountains came into view. Manuel and Little One came to an abrupt stop as they faced a large sign directly in their path. It read: DEAD MAN'S GULCH! PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK! MAYBE YOU'LL MAKE IT — BUT NO ONE ELSE HAS!

Little One pawed the ground and started to back up but Manuel patted his head comfortably and said casually, "Someone tries to frighten us but we don't scare that easily, my small donkey!" Darkness was quickly coming over the desert so Manuel and Little One pitched camp near the ominous sign. Manuel was eager to test his precious divining-rod which would lead him to gold. He closed his eyes and held the rod out in front of him. Suddenly he received a shock! He had walked into a chunk of overhanging rock and got a bang on the head.

Divining-rod Bosh! Manuel kicked angrily at the cliff, and noticed a yellow glitter at his feet. Oh, well, that was different! Gold, and on the very first try! He turned and smiled brightly at Little One. "Did you see that, my friend? The divining-rod has great powers, does it not? We shall be rich in no time!"

Little One brayed happily and then promptly went to sleep.

For two days, Manuel and Little One stayed encamped in Dead Man's Gulch. From morning until sun down, Manuel hacked away and gathered more and more of the yellow metal until there was none left. He cached it carefully away in a small cave nearby. He was taking no chances. The next day he would take as much gold as Little One could carry to the Assayer's Office in Dry Falls.

At last he would be a millionaire! He filled Little One with plans for their new future, "I'll buy a hacienda high in the mountains with an outdoor swimming pool—and we shall bask in the sun all day! It will truly be magnificent, my friend!"

That night when Manuel and Little One lay sleeping, a band of Indians approached their small camp. The prospector awakened to find himself and his little donkey surrounded by the fearful sight of forty Indians doing a war dance about them. Manuel immediately tried to run away but he was captured and tied up. He and Little One snuggled close to each other as the Indian Chief approached. "What is white man doing in Pohi Indian country?"

Manuel stutteringly told them all about the salesman who had sold him the divining-rod and guaranteed it, and about the gold he had found. When he had finished the story, the Chief ordered his men to untie the prisoner. He said that no

white man had ever left their ancient tribal lands alive but that he was sure Manuel would bring them no harm. How could he? He was so stupid!

Manuel and Little One bowed before the great Indian Chief. After Manuel had brought out samples of the metal he'd been mining, the Chief laughed so hard that he fell over and kept rolling on the ground. Soon after a ceremony was held and the Indians dubbed Manuel an honorary Chief of the Pohis—Chief Stupid!

At daybreak, the Indians departed and Manuel turned to Little One with pride on his face. "From now on you had better show me greater respect, small donkey—for I am an Indian Chief! It was foolish of you to cower so when the Indians awakened us! Did you not realize that Manuel would protect you from harm?"

Then Manuel Juano and the little donkey took their leave of Dead Man's Gulch. Little One carried great bags of the yellow metal on his back and Manuel sang loudly as they retraced their steps to Dry Falls. "I can hardly wait to see the face of the man at the Assayer's Office when we present him with the bags of gold, Little One! They will probably have to send to the bank for more money with which to pay us! I already feel like a great man!"

At the end of two days, Manuel and Little One reached Dry Falls. They went immediately to the Assayer's Office. With great pride Manuel reached down and picked up one of the heavy bags of metal. With a grand flourish he spread its contents on the counter. "How much do I get for all this gold?" he asked.

The assayer looked at him for a moment and then threw a nickel on the counter. "All right, Señor. Take that junk out of here!"

"It's gold, isn't it?"

"Sure."

"Then why don't you want it?"

"It's fool's gold! It isn't worth anything. Take it away, Stupid!"

And that very moment, Manuel Juano swore that he was through with prospecting for all time! End

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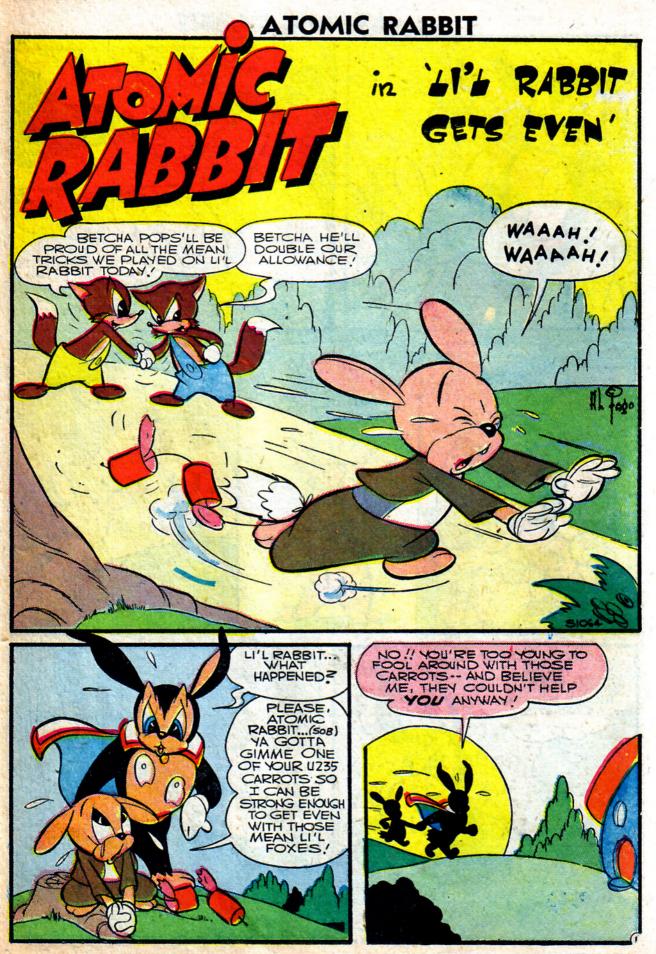










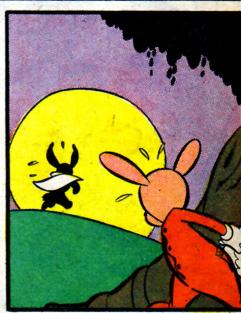


























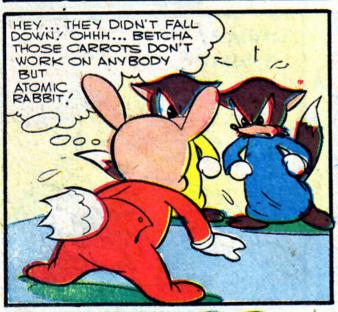
















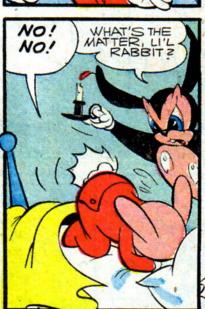






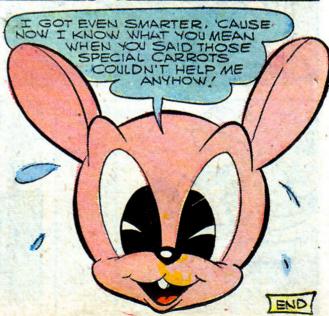










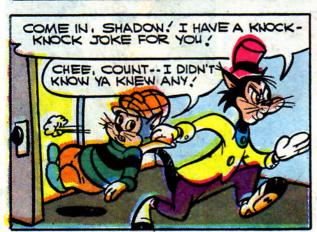






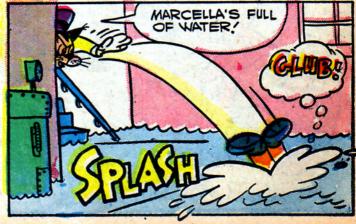


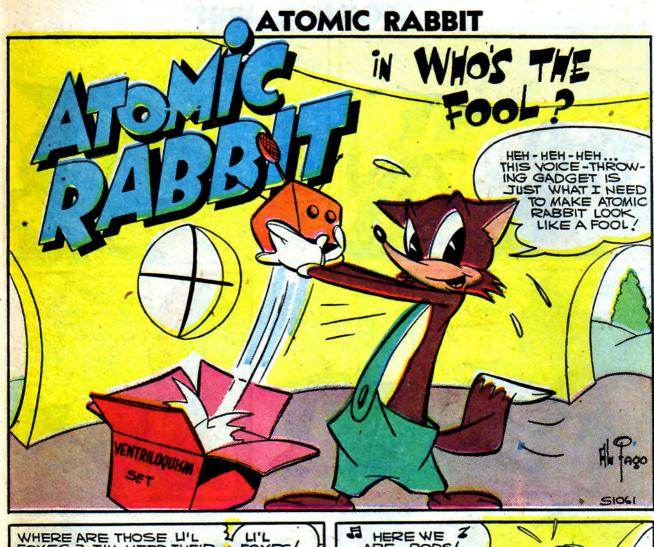










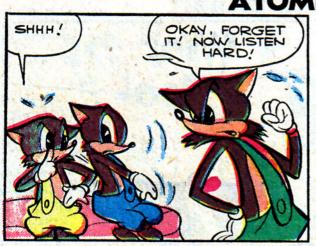








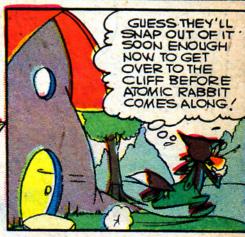


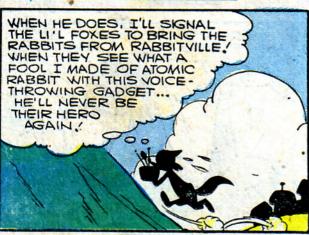








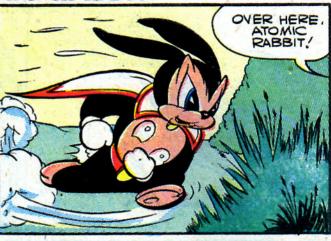














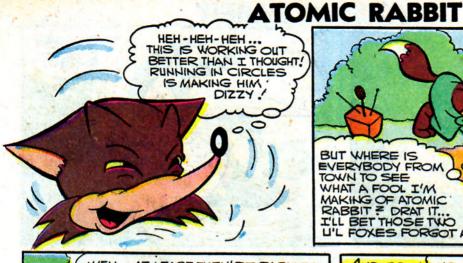








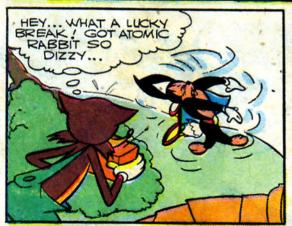






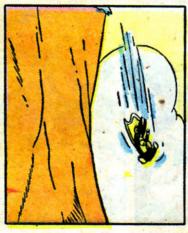






















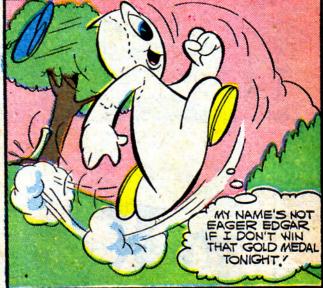






















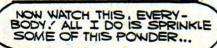


















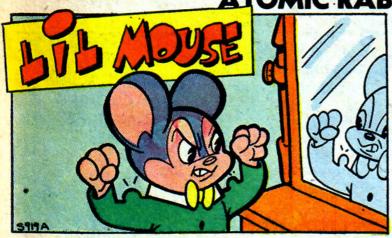




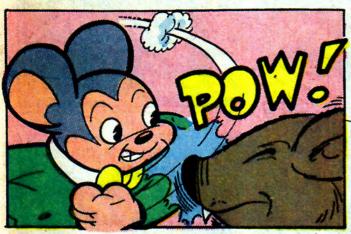








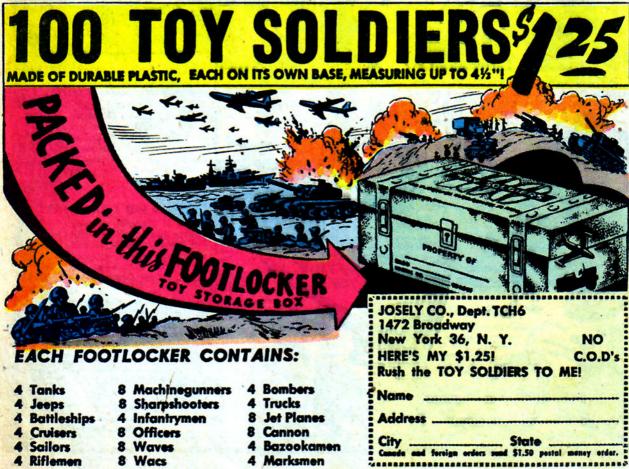




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